

May Highlights

May was a very busy month! We have been working hard to finalise the details of the **Countryside Mobility membership scheme** to ensure that once our first sites are ready, we can start receiving applications for membership...read on below for more details of the membership scheme.

At the end of May we ran a **training day for staff** from our first countryside sites. The training covered disability awareness and operation of the Trampler buggies so that all staff have the necessary skills to instruct members on how to safely use the equipment at their sites.

We have also been working with our website designers on the **new Countryside Mobility site** which is now live...read on below for more details.

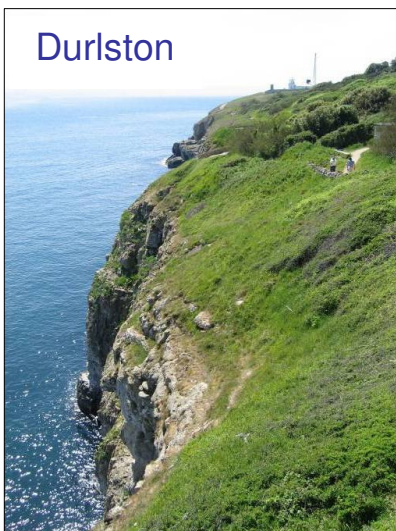


Staff training, Haldon Forest Park

Lastly, preparations have been taking place at our first countryside sites to make sure everything is ready for the **first Trampers to be hired out**.

Exciting News!

1. Trampers are now available to hire at our first two sites!



Durlston

From Monday 14th June, Trampers are available for hire to CMSW members from Stover Country Park (Newton Abbot) and Durlston Country Park (Swanage).

The Trampers need to be booked in advance and first-time users need to take part in some basic training as part of the membership application process.

Visit the new website for membership and booking details and to download a membership application pack. Alternatively phone us and we will send you forms in the post. **01392 456522**

2. New website now online!

The Countryside Mobility website covers everything you need to know about the scheme and how to become a member. Our first two sites are listed and many more will be added over the coming weeks and months. Some areas of the website are still under development and we would welcome any comments or feedback. We are also now on Twitter and Facebook so follow us and become a friend!

Website: www.countrysidemobility.org. **Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/CMSouthWest>

Facebook: log in and search for 'Countryside Mobility'

3. Membership Scheme opens!

Our membership scheme is now open. Anyone over the age of 14 who has a permanent or temporary physical disability, or a condition that affects walking ability, can apply for membership. There are two types of membership available:

- **Annual membership** lasts for 12 months and costs **£8.50**.
- **Temporary membership** lasts for 4 weeks and costs **£2.50**. This is ideal if you are just visiting the area, or on holiday.

Part of the membership application process includes basic training on how to use a Trampler. Membership cards can only be issued on completion of this training. **Visit the website and download a membership pack for full details.**

Upcoming Events

Countryside Mobility staff will be attending the following events in June. Come along and find out more about the scheme and how to become a member.

- **18th June** – Devon Carers Link festival, Cathedral Green, Exeter (see attachment for details).

Countryside Mobility is a Big Lottery funded project (through Natural England's 'Access to Nature' grant scheme) aiming to improve access to the countryside for people with disabilities living in and visiting the South West.

If you would like more information about the project then please visit our website or contact us on 01392 456522, or email: info@countrysidemobility.org